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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of:

Thomas A. Osborne et al.

Serial No.: 10/642,513

Filing Date: August 15, 2003

For: Stent and Method of Forming a Stent
with Integral Barbs

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) Examiner: William H. Matthews
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

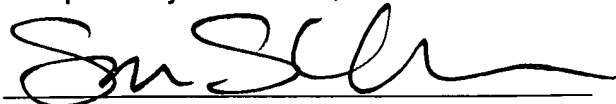
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated June 29, 2005,
Applicants respectfully submit the following comments. Applicants elect Invention I
(claims 1-20) and Species AAA (Fig. 91). Claims 21-24, 26, 27 and 31 are readable on
Species AAA.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.141, if Claim 21 is allowed, Applicants
respectfully request examination of all remaining dependent claims 25 and 28-30, since
by definition, they are allowable based on an allowance of Claim 21.

Respectfully submitted,



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